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Minutes of Meeting Held in  
IAC Conference Room, Administration Building  
Central Intelligence Agency, at 1045, 9 July 1957

Director of Central Intelligence  
Allen W. Dulles  
Presiding\*

Deputy Director of Central Intelligence  
Lieutenant General Charles P. Cabell  
Presiding\*

M E M B E R S   P R E S E N T

Mr. Hugh S. Cumming, Jr., Special Assistant for Intelligence,  
Department of State  
Major General Robert A. Schow, Assistant Chief of Staff, Intelligence,  
Department of the Army  
Rear Admiral Laurence H. Frost, Director of Naval Intelligence,  
Department of the Navy  
Major General Millard Lewis, Assistant Chief of Staff, Intelligence,  
United States Air Force  
Colonel E. G. Van Orman, acting for Deputy Director for Intelligence,  
The Joint Staff  
Mr. Harry S. Traynor, Atomic Energy Commission representative  
to the IAC  
Mr. Meffert W. Kuhrtz, acting for Federal Bureau of Investigation  
representative to the IAC

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1. Approval of Minutes  
2 July Meeting  
(IAC-M-296)

Approved as written. In this connection, Mr. Kent referred to the minutes of the 8 January meeting (IAC-M-273, item 9) and inquired whether the members desired to proceed with a review of SNIE 11-6-57, "Soviet Gross Capabilities for Attack on the Continental US in Mid-1960," as outlined in this minute. He noted particularly that, on the basis of his information, it would be extremely difficult, as a practical matter, for the NESC to use any such revisions in preparing this year's report. He also referred to the anticipated early review of pertinent problems in connection with the drafting of NIE 11-4-57. The members then discussed this matter, especially with respect to the nature of the revisions which might be required if such a review were undertaken. Following their exchange of views, the Chairman suggested, and the members concurred, that, subject to confirmation by General Thomas, no such formal review be undertaken at this time in view of the members' understanding that the NESC, as a practical matter, would probably not be in a position effectively to use any such revisions in its forthcoming report.

2. Review of Crisis Situations

a. Watch Committee Report  
No. 361

Noted.

b. Other Crisis Situations

The Chairman and members discussed in some detail the probable significance of recent Soviet internal political developments, particularly with respect to their possible impact on the nature of Soviet policies and the manner in which they are executed. During the course of the discussion, Mr. Cumming circulated for information a State Department Intelligence Brief entitled "Khrushchev Dominance Clears Field for His Policies." The members also exchanged views on problems related to the collection and transmission of intelligence and

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intelligence information bearing on these recent Soviet moves and any future Soviet political developments of similar importance. In this connection, Mr. Cumming stated that the State Department was making an analysis of the pattern of recent US cable traffic from the USSR to determine whether there appeared to be evidence that the USSR delayed transmission of such messages during the time of the political crisis. In addition, he noted the desirability of developing indicators of significant Soviet political moves and emphasized the need for improving generally the methods of collecting such information.

The Chairman and members also discussed briefly certain aspects of Argentine-Venezuelan relations.

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4. Review of NSCID No. 2  
(IAC-D-105/2, 5 July draft;  
IAC-M-296, item 4)

General Truscott outlined the proposed changes which had been made in the prior draft of NSCID No. 2 by the ad hoc working group, pursuant to comments by General Lewis and other members at the last IAC meeting. The members then discussed certain aspects of this draft revision and amendments proposed by the Air Force and State Department, including matters such as the nature of the responsibilities for collection to be allocated to the various IAC agencies, the technical description of such responsibilities (e. g., "primary") and the intelligence concerned (e. g., "basic" scientific information), and the format to be used in setting forth these responsibilities. In discussing the ad hoc working group's draft, the members agreed to delete the first two lines on page 2 and concurred in Mr. Traynor's suggestion that paragraph 1, c also be deleted. Following their exchange of views the members agreed that the ad hoc working group should review NSCID No. 2 in the light of this discussion and submit the recommended revisions to the IAC for consideration.

5. Communication from Deputy  
Secretary of Defense

The Chairman noted that he had received and was acknowledging a recent letter from Deputy Secretary of Defense Quarles which stated that he had read NIE 100-6-57, "Nuclear Weapons Production in Fourth Countries--Likelihood and Consequences," and considered it "an exceptionally good and competent estimate of that whole situation."

6. NIE 100-4-57  
Implications for the Communist  
Bloc and the Free World of  
Growing Nuclear Capabilities

a. Approved as amended, with the understanding that the State Department and Board of National Estimates would review and draft an appropriate revision of the last sentence of paragraph 25.

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b. Agreed to defer consideration of the question of the release of this estimate to USIA until the next regular IAC meeting.

7. NIE 11-2A-57  
Soviet Nuclear Energy Program  
(Sanitized Version)  
(Available through JAEIC  
representatives)



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Adjournment: 1250



Secretary

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2. In view of the recommendations (Memorandum to IAC, 12 July) of the Board of National Estimates with respect to the release of NIE 100-4-57, "Implications for the Communist Bloc and the Free World of Growing Nuclear Capabilities," the Secretary, unless specifically requested to do so by a member of the IAC, does not propose to place the question of the release of this estimate to foreign governments on the agenda of an IAC meeting.

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